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COLD STORAGE REPORT  
AS OF MARCH 1, 1943

Reports to the U. S. Department of Agriculture on perishable food items held in cold storage warehouses and meat packing plants on March 1, 1943, indicated increases during February in holdings of shell eggs, frozen and cured pork, trimmings and offal, lard and rendered pork fat, but sharper-than-usual seasonal reductions in most other products.

Holdings of shell eggs were abnormally increased during the month, reaching a total of 970,000 cases on March 1. The increase in frozen and cured pork was moderately above normal, but lard and rendered pork fat stocks were accumulated at a slower-than-normal rate.

During February, holdings of apples, frozen fruits and vegetables were withdrawn at a rate greater than normal, but stocks were larger than a year earlier. Stocks of manufactured dairy products were reduced at a rapid rate during the month, bringing these holdings substantially below a year earlier but not greatly below normal.

Poultry stocks declined at a much faster rate than average and on March 1 were well below those of a year earlier and the 5-year average. Beef and lamb and mutton stocks were reduced moderately.

The net reduction in commodity holdings is reflected in the space occupied in the warehouses. Cooler occupancy on March 1 was reported at 57 percent compared with 59 percent a month earlier. Freezer occupancy was 64 percent, compared with 69 percent on February 1.

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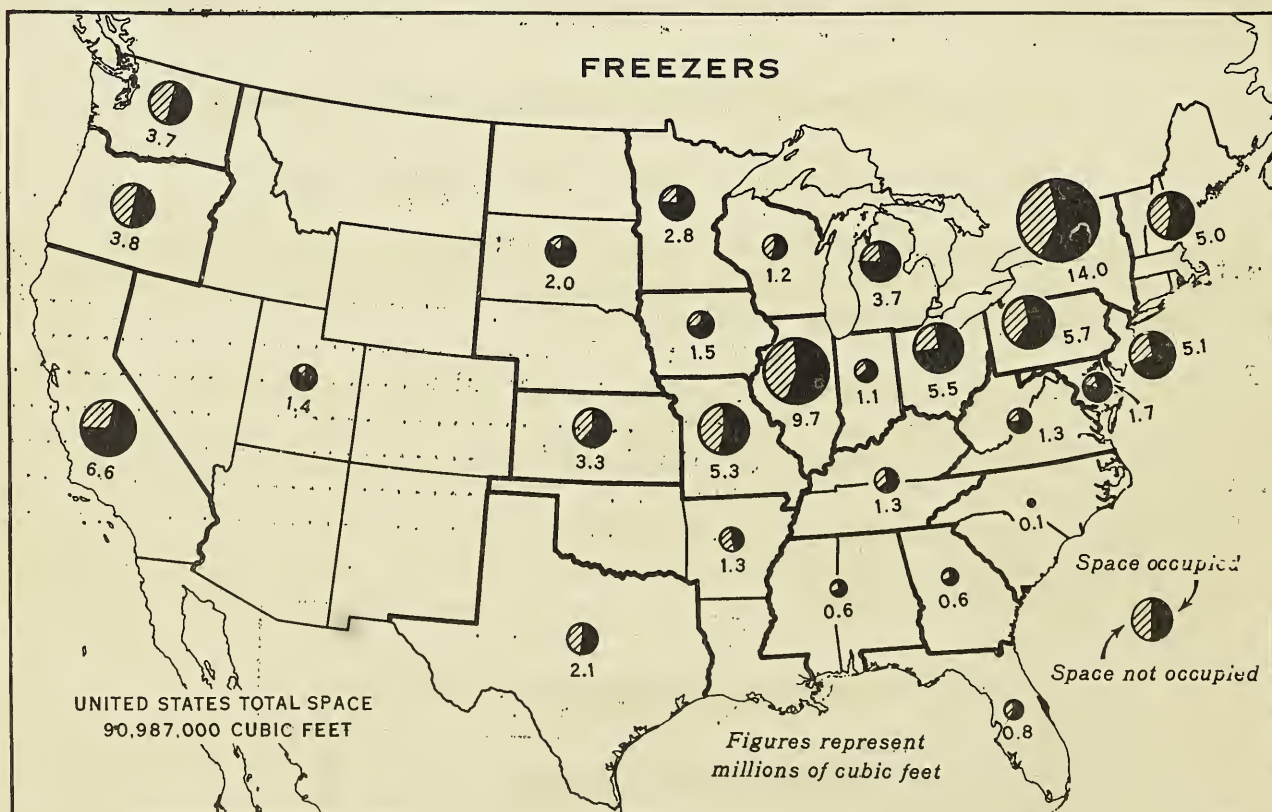
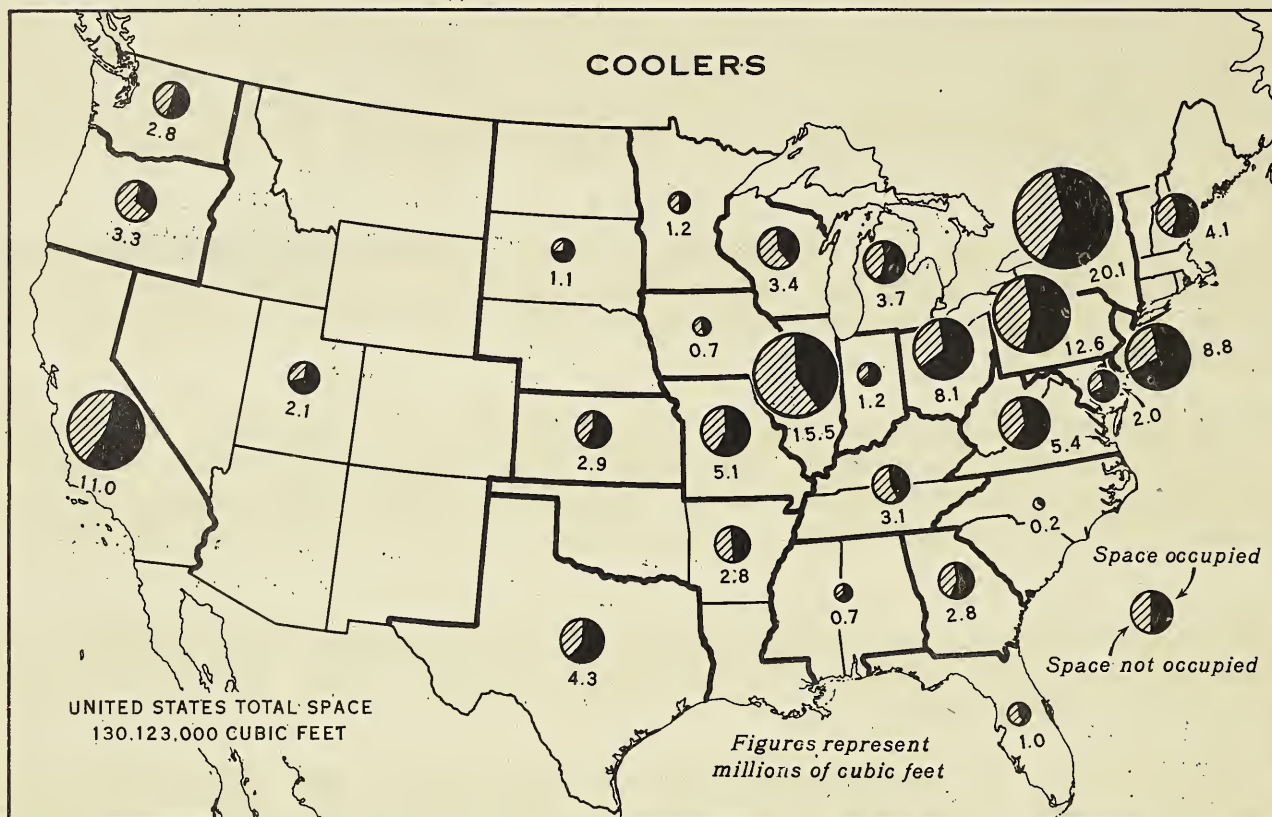
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NET PILING SPACE AND PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED IN  
COOLERS AND FREEZERS IN PUBLIC COLD-STORAGE WAREHOUSES,  
OTHER THAN APPLE HOUSES, ON MARCH 1, 1943





**NET PILING SPACE AND PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED IN COOLERS  
AND FREEZERS IN PUBLIC COLD STORAGE WAREHOUSES OTHER THAN  
APPLE HOUSES, ON FEBRUARY 1, AND MARCH 1, 1942 AND 1943**

State or Geographic Division	Net Piling Space 1/		Percentage of Space Occupied 2/							
			Feb. 1, 1942		March 1, 1942		Feb. 1, 1943		March 1, 1943 3/	
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	Thousand Cubic Feet		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
NEW ENGLAND.....	4,095	5,003	52	67	46	62	59	61	54	58
New York.....	20,142	13,970	57	76	56	69	66	68	61	61
New Jersey.....	8,813	5,100	77	66	82	68	82	78	71	72
Pennsylvania.....	12,601	5,665	50	78	44	73	60	70	57	63
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....	41,556	24,735	59	75	56	69	68	71	62	64
Ohio.....	8,054	5,532	65	82	59	74	69	76	67	76
Indiana.....	1,207	1,085	62	60	50	59	63	84	65	69
Illinois.....	15,513	9,696	51	90	50	83	44	67	41	58
Michigan.....	3,692	3,696	52	88	47	83	63	77	57	78
Wisconsin.....	3,406	1,210	72	70	66	67	48	57	40	56
EAST NORTH CENTRAL...	31,872	21,219	59	85	53	79	54	70	51	65
Minnesota.....	1,205	2,755	73	92	64	87	46	73	51	78
Iowa.....	667	1,533	44	77	51	76	39	71	46	73
Missouri.....	5,137	5,262	53	75	54	78	56	62	59	55
No. & So. Dak. & Nebr...	1,113	1,984	39	89	21	75	62	86	73	85
Kansas.....	2,871	3,264	53	72	45	74	55	64	59	61
WEST NORTH CENTRAL...	10,993	14,798	56	81	54	80	54	70	58	68
Del., Md. & D. C.....	2,043	1,663	45	71	51	76	64	79	70	83
Virginia & W. Virginia..	5,441	1,297	63	73	53	75	71	80	64	77
No. & So. Carolina.....	248	93	50	69	36	58	30	75	38	92
Georgia.....	2,761	647	54	77	56	77	66	73	59	72
Florida.....	1,000	757	36	86	23	69	48	81	42	61
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....	11,493	4,457	55	74	52	75	64	78	61	77
Kentucky & Tennessee...	3,072	1,272	55	89	47	89	46	64	45	66
Alabama & Mississippi...	748	625	44	83	46	72	69	87	66	63
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL...	3,820	1,897	52	86	47	83	51	72	50	65
Ark., La. & Okla.....	2,818	1,266	39	78	39	76	45	63	50	47
Texas.....	4,333	2,095	58	71	55	69	59	61	60	53
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL...	7,151	3,361	51	74	49	72	53	62	56	51
MOUNTAIN.....	2,059	1,445	51	84	53	81	49	88	68	86
Washington.....	2,847	3,702	58	64	51	55	48	58	52	50
Oregon.....	3,275	3,753	21	39	25	34	30	47	33	50
California.....	10,962	6,617	40	76	40	77	54	78	56	76
PACIFIC.....	17,084	14,072	41	60	40	56	50	62	52	59
UNITED STATES.....	130,123	90,987	4/55	4/76	4/52	4/72	4/59	4/69	4/57	4/64

1/ Reported to the Department of Agriculture as of June 16, 1941.

2/ Percentages for the periods covered here were made as comparable as possible.

3/ Preliminary.

4/ Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic divisions using the corresponding net piling space as weights.

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

March 1, 1943, cold storage holdings of apples were reported as totaling 16,519,000 bushels. This quantity is 2,281,000 bushels greater than March 1, 1942 holdings and 401,000 bushels greater than the 5-year (1938-42) average.

Stocks of frozen fruits were 145,022,000 pounds or 2,830,000 pounds above those of a year earlier and 29,842,000 pounds above the 5-year average. Frozen vegetable holdings totaled 75,454,000 pounds, which are 2,209,000 pounds above a year earlier.

(See table on page 8 for March 1, 1943 holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	March 1	March 1	Feb. 1	March 1
	5-yr.av. 1938-42	1942	1943	1943
		- Thousands -		
FRUITS, FRESH				
Apples.....barrels.....	100	27	38	24
Apples.....Western boxes.	7,622	8,278	10,575	7,646
Apples.....Eastern boxes.	1/	3,004	7,151	4,909
Apples.....bushel baskets	8,196	2,875	5,823	3,892
Total Apples.....bushels.....	16,118	14,238	23,663	2/16,519
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes..	9	4	10	5
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes...	2	2	21	7
Pears, all other varieties..boxes.....	414	519	961	581
Pears.....bushel baskets	19	10	15	7
Total Pears.....bushels.....	444	535	1,007	600
FRUITS, FROZEN				
Blackberries.....pounds.....	Data	4,482	6,331	5,312
Blueberries.....".....	for	4,650	7,096	6,610
Cherries.....".....	these	26,281	26,268	20,728
Logan and similar berries...	earlier	3,462	3,812	3,314
Raspberries.....".....	years	12,324	15,267	12,756
Strawberries.....".....	not	41,054	31,354	25,524
Other fruits.....".....	avail-	24,924	52,526	48,069
Classification not reported.	able	25,015	29,449	22,709
Total.....".....	115,180	142,192	172,103	145,022
VEGETABLES, FROZEN				
Asparagus.....pounds.....		4,679	4,404	4,117
Beans, lima.....".....		13,818	12,557	11,053
Beans, snap.....".....	His-	4,387	4,761	3,705
Broccoli, green.....".....	torical	1,875	1,109	1,163
Corn, sweet.....".....	data	5,653	5,658	4,316
Peas, green.....".....	not	21,882	27,408	22,294
Spinach.....".....	avail-	6,246	5,689	4,895
Other vegetables.....".....	able	7,058	10,150	9,444
Classification not reported.		7,647	20,608	14,467
Total.....".....		73,245	92,344	75,454

1/ Previously included with "bushel baskets".

2/ Includes 212,000 bushels owned by the Food Distribution Administration.



## APPLES: HOLDINGS IN COLD STORAGE BY STATES

STATE	March 1, 1943				March 1, 1942
	Barrels	Boxes Western	Eastern	Baskets	Total bushels
				<u>Thousands</u>	
Vermont.....	-	-	48	-	24
Massachusetts....	-	-	518	-	270
Connecticut.....	-	-	255	2	88
New York.....	-	12	2,100	473	1,971
New Jersey.....	-	24	335	431	442
Pennsylvania.....	14	16	324	620	682
Ohio.....	-	25	154	262	247
Indiana.....	-	1	3	59	86
Illinois.....	-	20	99	310	281
Michigan.....	-	15	339	141	226
Wisconsin.....	-	44	15	24	84
Missouri.....	-	33	12	136	107
Virginia.....	10	8	495	1,076	1,539
West Virginia....	-	-	26	122	183
Washington.....	-	5,894	-	-	6,147
Oregon.....	-	338	-	-	406
California.....	-	1,034	-	-	791
Other States.....	-	182	186	236	664
UNITED STATES....	24	7,646	4,909	3,892	14,238

## FROZEN FRUITS: HOLDINGS IN SMALL AND LARGE CONTAINERS

February 1 and March 1, 1943

Commodity	In small containers (Less than 30 lbs. capacity)		In bulk or large containers (30 lbs. or greater capacity)	
	February 1	March 1	February 1	March 1
			<u>Thousand pounds</u>	
Blackberries.....	593	476	5,738	4,836
Blueberries.....	1,531	1,319	5,565	5,291
Cherries.....	2,565	3,028	23,703	17,700
Logan and similar berries..	1,170	926	2,642	2,388
Raspberries.....	1,393	1,349	13,875	11,407
Strawberries.....	6,514	5,191	24,840	20,333
Other fruits.....	8,216	7,512	44,310	40,557
Classification not reported	1,120	1,172	28,329	21,537
TOTAL.....	23,101	20,973	149,002	124,049

## DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

Holdings of creamery butter were down to 12,321,000 pounds on hand March 1, 1943. These are the lowest March 1 stocks since 1936 when 8,217,000 pounds were reported. The March 1, 1943, stocks of butter were 51,380,000 pounds below those of a year earlier and 30,174,000 pounds below the 5-year (1938-42) average.

Cheese stocks were reduced by 19,265,000 pounds during February and March 1 holdings totaling 94,532,000 pounds were 65,541,000 pounds less than those on hand a year earlier. However, the March 1, 1942, stocks were the highest on record for that period.

Eggs moved into storage during February by the net equivalent of 658,000 cases. Shell eggs increased by 756,000 cases and frozen egg stocks were reduced by 3,686,000 pounds or the equivalent of 98,000 cases. March 1 stocks were 970,000 cases of shell (a new high point for March 1) and 56,095,000 pounds of frozen.

Poultry holdings were reduced to 101,697,000 pounds. The net out-of-storage movement during February was 40,305,000 pounds, an exceptionally heavy reduction for this period.

(See table on page 9 for March 1, 1943 holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	March 1 5-yr.av. 1938-42	March 1 1942	Feb. 1 1943	March 1 1943
		- Thousands -		
CREAM				
Forty percent.....40-qt. cans	84	212	112	107
Twenty percent....." "	2	7	3	3
BUTTER*, creamery.....pounds.....	42,495	63,701	15,607	12,321
CHEESE*				
American.....pounds.....	91,270	133,140	97,103	77,814
Swiss including block....." .....	5,110	6,452	3,132	2,546
Brick and Munster....." .....	759	1,397	325	213
Limburger....." .....	561	424	487	228
All other varieties....." .....	10,229	18,660	12,750	13,731
Total Cheese....." .....	107,929	160,073	113,797	94,532
EGGS*				
Shell.....cases.....	273	529	214	970
Frozen.....pounds.....	58,061	73,766	59,781	56,095
Frozen 1/.....equivalent cases.....	1,548	1,967	1,594	1,496
Total Eggs 2/.....cases.....	1,821	2,496	1,808	2,466
FROZEN POULTRY				
Broilers.....pounds.....	8,695	10,924	7,277	5,815
Fryers....." .....	10,116	12,822	10,153	7,281
Roasters....." .....	25,802	31,977	29,560	21,955
Fowls....." .....	24,044	31,733	30,574	19,248
Turkeys....." .....	46,089	55,768	37,682	29,880
Ducks....." .....	3,032	3,113	2,144	1,330
Miscellaneous poultry....." .....	23,000	19,707	14,672	9,569
Unclassified poultry....." .....	-	13,039	9,940	6,619
Total Poultry....." .....	140,778	179,083	142,002	101,697

\* Stocks owned by FDA and FSCC included in total figures.

1/ Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 37.5 pounds to the case.

2/ SPECIAL NOTE: 84 percent of total frozen eggs reported as of March 1, 1943, were classified as follows: Whites 30 percent; yolks 18 percent; and mixed 52 percent.



## MEATS AND LARD

Total stocks of frozen and cured meats showed a net accumulation during February 1943 of 32.3 million pounds. The 833.7 million pounds on hand March 1, were 57.4 million below those of a year earlier but 15.5 million above the 5-year (1938-42) average. Beef holdings were reduced during the month and the March 1 total was 101.1 million pounds. This quantity is 49.3 million pounds below the March 1, 1942 holdings but 15.7 million above average. Pork stocks on the other hand increased during February by 40 million pounds and totaled 628.4 million on March 1. This is 11.9 million pounds greater than that on hand a year earlier but 8.3 million pounds below average.

Lard and rendered pork fat holdings were 123.7 million pounds. The increase during February was considerably below normal for the month. Stocks on hand on March 1, 1943 were at an abnormally low level, being 82.9 million pounds less than a year ago, and 82.7 millions below average.

(See table on page 9 for March 1, 1943, holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	March 1 5-yr.av. 1938-42	March 1 1942	Feb. 1 1943	March 1 1943
- <u>Thousand pounds</u> -				
BEEF				
Frozen.....	69,649	130,818	100,018	92,549
In process of cure.....	12,121	15,503	5,550	6,811
Cured.....	3,628	4,089	1,617	1,739
Total Beef.....	85,398	150,410	107,185	101,099
PORK				
Frozen.....	288,566	298,158	265,175	289,479
Dry salt in process of cure.....	49,267	49,047	67,735	66,901
Dry salt cured.....	37,485	33,024	46,785	70,410
Pickled in process of cure.....	157,093	146,687	140,913	126,367
Pickled cured.....	104,381	89,688	67,811	75,293
Total Pork.....	636,792	616,604	588,419	628,450
LAMB AND MUTTON				
Frozen.....	4,671	8,122	24,885	20,155
TRIMMINGS AND EDIBLE OFFAL				
Frozen and cured.....	91,420	116,025	80,911	84,029
TOTAL MEATS.....	818,281	891,161	801,400	<u>1/833,733</u>
LARD.....	206,421	201,900	105,423	<u>1/116,262</u>
RENDERED PORK FAT.....	<u>2/</u>	4,665	6,444	7,451

1/ Includes FDA, FSCC, and relief holdings, as well as commercial stocks.

2/ Previously included with lard.

## COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, MARCH 1, 1943 BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
- Thousands -										
<b>FRUITS, FRESH</b>										
Apples.....barrels.....	-	14	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	24
Apples.....Western boxes.....	3	52	105	70	28	6	101	14	7,267	7,646
Apples.....Eastern boxes.....	979	2,759	610	12	545	4	-	-	-	4,909
Apples.....bushel baskets.....	18	1,524	796	183	1,314	44	8	5	-	3,892
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes.....	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	5
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes.....	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	7
Pears, all other varieties.....boxes.....	-	17	10	-	-	-	1	-	553	581
Pears.....bushel baskets.....	-	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
<b>FRUITS, FROZEN</b>										
<b>In small containers</b>										
Blackberries.....pounds.....	-	4	353	26	21	-	1	4	67	476
Blueberries.....".....	215	469	422	130	57	1	1	-	24	1,319
Cherries.....".....	219	1,483	656	51	175	8	11	19	406	3,028
Young, Logan and similar berries.....	-	26	256	27	72	-	12	19	514	926
Raspberries.....".....	160	106	339	57	29	229	14	41	374	1,349
Strawberries.....".....	497	891	1,584	251	269	122	172	333	1,072	5,191
Other fruits.....".....	1,171	2,328	2,682	232	479	92	263	77	1,360	8,684
<b>In bulk or large containers</b>										
Blackberries.....pounds.....	94	1,767	751	626	134	32	83	8	1,341	4,836
Blueberries.....".....	1,032	2,973	796	209	115	3	-	15	148	5,291
Cherries.....".....	319	8,812	5,223	1,209	474	161	168	639	695	17,700
Young, Logan and similar berries.....	39	88	692	114	89	5	1	17	1,343	2,388
Raspberries.....".....	1,932	3,665	2,510	1,852	181	41	68	7	1,151	11,407
Strawberries.....".....	1,497	7,154	5,308	1,630	1,049	283	889	132	2,399	20,333
Other fruits.....".....	406	22,743	16,938	2,926	1,686	1,065	969	1,177	10,214	62,694
<b>Total all containers</b>										
Blackberries.....pounds.....	94	1,771	1,104	652	155	32	84	12	1,406	5,312
Blueberries.....".....	1,247	3,442	1,218	339	172	4	1	15	172	6,610
Cherries.....".....	538	10,295	5,879	1,260	649	169	179	658	1,101	20,728
Young, Logan and similar berries.....	39	114	948	141	161	5	13	36	1,857	3,314
Raspberries.....".....	2,092	3,771	2,849	1,909	210	270	82	48	1,525	12,756
Strawberries.....".....	1,994	8,045	6,892	1,881	1,318	405	1,052	466	3,471	25,524
Other fruits.....".....	1,577	25,071	19,620	3,158	2,165	1,157	1,232	1,224	15,574	70,778



## COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, MARCH 1, 1943, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS (CONT'D)

Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East		West		South Atlantic	East		West		Mountain	Pacific	Total
			North	Central	North	Central		South	Central	South	Central			
- Thousands -														
DAIRY PRODUCTS														
Cream, Forty percent.....	5	65	11	18	6	107								
Cream, Twenty percent.....	-	-	3	-	-	3								
Butter, creamery.....	1,088	3,433	4,601	1,123	361	12,321								
Cheese, American.....	1,569	15,658	47,566	3,983	1,629	77,814								
Cheese, Swiss including block.....	-	212	2,034	46	43	2,546								
Cheese, Brick and Munster.....	-	24	155	33	-	213								
Cheese, Limburger.....	-	80	133	12	-	228								
Cheese, all other varieties.....	519	7,444	1,111	359	114	13,731								
Eggs, shell.....	36	203	167	142	37	970								
Eggs, frozen.....	2,466	14,638	12,862	16,158	1,951	56,095								
FROZEN POULTRY														
Broilers.....	162	1,032	2,183	1,218	349	5,815								
Fryers.....	462	1,067	2,819	1,989	140	7,281								
Roasters.....	2,783	5,950	6,691	5,560	122	21,955								
Fowls.....	950	3,931	7,746	3,279	644	19,248								
Turkeys.....	2,073	6,760	5,613	3,586	920	29,880								
Ducks.....	67	601	276	117	168	1,330								
Miscellaneous poultry.....	227	2,106	4,069	1,680	182	9,569								
Unclassified poultry.....	33	212	510	2,930	33	6,619								
MEATS AND LARD														
Beef, frozen.....	7,499	21,124	19,149	19,033	2,266	92,549								
Beef, in process of cure.....	-	721	2,964	2,146	40	6,811								
Beef, cured.....	1	109	594	925	6	1,739								
Pork, frozen.....	5,226	18,250	78,728	147,799	10,361	289,479								
Pork, dry salt in process of cure.....	1,032	3,207	22,513	32,010	4,527	66,901								
Pork, dry salt cured.....	1,925	4,278	25,685	33,350	1,332	70,410								
Pork, pickled in process of cure.....	4,768	8,221	41,179	53,981	5,545	126,367								
Pork, pickled cured.....	1,180	5,152	24,189	35,996	946	75,293								
Lamb and mutton, frozen.....	735	2,664	7,408	6,140	279	20,155								
Frozen and cured trimmings and edible offal pounds.....	3,512	14,325	24,104	26,039	7,775	84,029								
Lard.....	3,901	52,126	30,188	20,850	2,776	116,262								
Rendered pork fat.....	172	517	1,839	4,088	109	7,451								



## DAIRY AND POULTRY HOLDINGS BY STATES

STATE	Cream (40-qt. cans)	Butter lbs.	American Cheese lbs.	Shell Eggs cases	Frozen Eggs lbs.	Total Poultry lbs.
			- Thousands -			
Massachusetts.....	5	873	1,299	28	1,717	5,720
Other States.....		215	270	8	749	1,043
NEW ENGLAND.....		1,088	1,569	36	2,466	6,763
New York.....	59	1,711	7,661	90	4,992	12,997
New Jersey.....	1	986	5,985	66	5,403	4,497
Pennsylvania.....	5	736	2,012	47	4,243	4,165
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....		3,433	15,658	203	14,638	21,659
Ohio.....		2,172	3,434	17	2,726	4,172
Indiana.....		167	64	1	1,040	409
Illinois.....	5	1,846	3,507	127	7,127	22,430
Michigan.....		271	716	16	1,041	1,849
Wisconsin.....	7	145	39,845	6	928	1,047
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....		4,601	47,566	167	12,862	29,907
Minnesota.....	11	104	440	45	1,696	1,964
Iowa.....	2	144	30	16	2,340	1,137
Missouri.....	5	449	2,872	47	5,872	4,077
Nebraska.....		196	451	16	2,809	12,061
Kansas.....		110	190	18	3,285	1,015
Dakotas.....		120	-	-	156	105
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....		1,123	3,983	142	16,158	20,359
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....		361	1,629	37	1,951	2,558
Kentucky.....		22	37	2	374	754
Tennessee.....		21	423	15	721	338
Alabama & Mississippi.....		22	188	16	200	115
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....		65	648	33	1,295	1,207
Oklahoma.....		131	54	10	723	158
Texas.....		156	1,017	107	1,871	666
Arkansas & Louisiana.....		359	205	11	663	545
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....		646	1,276	128	3,257	1,369
Colorado.....		76	399	12	202	417
Other States.....		43	1,228	18	185	1,683
MOUNTAIN.....		119	1,627	30	387	2,100
Washington.....		165	484	33	671	4,438
Oregon.....		77	780	9	81	3,547
California.....		643	2,594	152	2,329	7,790
PACIFIC.....		885	3,858	194	3,081	15,775
Other States.....	9					
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UNITED STATES.....	109	12,321	77,814	970	56,095	101,697



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